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SUBJ: AFGHAN OIL DISCOVERY

1. ON DECEMBER 1 DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH TOLD PHILLIPS TALBOT, ASIA SOCIETY PRESIDENT, AND ME IN "STRICTEST CONFIDENCE" THAT A MAJOR OIL STRIKE HAD BEEN MADE IN THE VICINITY OF MAIMANA (NORTH-WESTERN AFGHANISTAN).

2. ABDULLAH SAID THAT A DOME ABOUT TWENTY KILOMETERS WIDE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED. HE WAS LEAVING KABUL IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH US TO LOOK OVER THE SITE.

3. COMMENT: AVAILABLE DETAILS ARE STILL SCANTY, BUT IF A MAJOR OIL DEPOSIT HAS, IN FACT, BEEN DISCOVERED, IT WOULD PROFOUNDLY AFFECT AFGHANISTAN'S FUTURE, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.
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